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U.S. Patent No. 6,141,034, issued on October 31, 2000 to McCutchen, teaches improvements in the production means for dodecahedral imaging, to define a simple, flexible and efficient strategy for the creation of extremely wide images. Improvements in production technology include lenses and optical mounts that enable automatic alignment of film and video cameras and other imaging devices to cover multiple fields of view equal to one, two or three dodecahedral pentagons. This U.S. Patent was considered relevant by the International Search Report conducted by the Austrian Patent Office. The document is considered to define the general state of the art but is not considered to be of particular relevance.

Japanese Patent No. JP8018858, issued on January 19, 1996 to Yoshiyuki et al., teaches a method and apparatus to execute an image composite by taking the relation of position among a plurality of actually picked-up video images and images generated by a computer into account. A multi-camera head is used to pick up an image of an object and image data are transferred to a depth data calculation device, which conducts matching processing between an image picked up by a base camera head and an image picked up by a measurement camera head to calculate depth data for each picture element in the image picked up by the base camera head. The calculated depth data and the image data are transferred to a 3-dimensional image composite device, in which the image composite data are generated while comparing the depth data calculated by the depth data calculation device, the image data and an actually picked up video image or depth data generated by a computer received from other input port with each other. The abstract of this patent was considered relevant by the International Search Report conducted by the Austrian Patent Office. The document is considered to define the general state of the art but is not considered to be of particular relevance.

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